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- 1. SUBSTANCE OF REF A, REGARDING SECRETARY KREPS' WISHES THAT GIFT GIVING DURING VISITS TO JAPAN AND KOREA BE LIMITED, HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (RE CALL ON PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA) AND MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (RE CALL ON MINISTER TANAKA).
- 2. DURING EMBOFF CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN OFFICER (FUKUDA SECOND NORTH AMERICA DIVISION), LATTER NOTED THAT PRIME MINISTER NORMALLY DOES NOT EXCHANGE GIFTS BUT HE ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION THAT SECRETARY HAD WRITTEN SEVERAL BOOKS. ON BEING INFORMED THAT SECRETARY HAD AUTHORED TWO BOOKS AND CO-AUTHORED THREE (AND BEING TOLD THE TITLES OF THE FIRST TWO), FUKUDA SUGGESTED THAT A GIFT OF ONE OF THE SECRETARY'S BOOKS WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE AND PROBABLY MUCH APPRECIATED BY PRIME MINISTER. WHEN EMBOFF REPEATED SUGGESTION TO MITI (KAWASAKI, AMERICAS-OCEANIA DIVISION), LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPONSE WAS HIGHLY FAVORABLE.

3. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BROWN DID NOT REPEAT NOT EXCHANGE GIFTS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT HERE, AND SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE SIMILARLY WILL NOT BE EXCHANGING GIFTS, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IF SECRETARY KREPS NEVERTHELESS WISHES TO DO SO, ONE OF HER OWN BOOKS

WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE. THE PERSONAL NATURE AND LIMITED VALUE OF SUCH A GIFT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY REQUIRE RECIPROCITY FROM THE GOJ SIDE, BUT THEY WOULD PROBABLY RESPOND IN A SIMILAR MANNER.

4. THE TWO CALLS NOTED ABOVE ARE THE ONLY OCCASIONS WHERE GIFTS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, UNLESS THE SECRETARY CALLS ON MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY SUZUKI (REF B), IN WHICH CASE HE SHOULD OF COURSE BE INCLUDED. MANSFIELD

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